

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | * | CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 07-428  |
| v.                       | * | SECTION: F                  |
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| ANTHONY MARTIN           | * | VIOLETIONS: 18 U.S.C. § 371 |
|                          | * | 18 U.S.C. § 1709            |
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**FACTUAL BASIS**

Should this matter proceed to trial, the United States will prove beyond a reasonable doubt, through credible testimony of agents of the United States Postal Inspection Service, state and local law enforcement agencies, and the production of reliable evidence, the following facts:

From a time unknown but prior to April 2001 and continuing until or about January 2004, in the Eastern District of Louisiana and elsewhere, the defendants, **TIMOTHY B. DEDE**, **BENSON V. DABNEY**, **CLYDE LEE CASTON**, **LOUIN SEABROOK JACKSON**, **KIM YVETTE HESTER MARTIN**, **FELICIA DANIELLE TANNER**, **TYRONE LEWIS**, **TANYA S. PAYTON-LEWIS** and **ANTHONY MARTIN**, did knowingly combine, conspire, confederate and agree to buy, receive and unlawfully have in their possession mail or articles contained therein, including, but not limited to, personal bank checks, which had been stolen,

taken, embezzled and abstracted from the mail or an authorized depository for mail matter, knowing said mail or articles contained therein to have been stolen, taken, embezzled and/or abstracted.

During a period between April 2001 and January 2004, **TYRONE LEWIS, CLYDE LEE CASTON, KIM YVETTE HESTER MARTIN, FELICIA DANIELLE TANNER, ANTHONY MARTIN,** and **TANYA S. PAYTON-LEWIS**, alone, together, and in groups, negotiated personalized checks stolen from a United States Post Office in the Eastern District of Louisiana, to purchase goods and items of value from business establishments.

On March 4, 2004, **ANTHONY MARTIN** was arrested by Hammond Police Department Officers. He was first advised of his constitutional rights regarding self-incrimination and acknowledged he both understood and waived those rights and then made a statement regarding his involvement in the above described conspiracy. He stated that on June 2, 2003, he went with **KIM YVETTE HESTER MARTIN, TYRONE LEWIS,** and **TANYA S. PAYTON-LEWIS** to the Zales Jewelry store at the Hammond Square Mall in Hammond, Louisiana. He further stated that he thought that **KIM YVETTE HESTER MARTIN** was going to write a “paper,” which meant cash a stolen check. At first, he waited in the vehicle, but then went into the store to hurry them along. **KIM YVETTE HESTER MARTIN** came back to the car with bags in her hands. **ANTHONY MARTIN** stated that he became aware that his wife was cashing stolen checks approximately two to three years prior to that date. He stated that on five or six other occasions he drove **KIM YVETTE HESTER MARTIN** to cash stolen checks at merchants throughout the New Orleans area.

The total amount of loss caused by **ANTHONY MARTIN**'s participation in this conspiracy is less than five thousand dollars.

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Defendant

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